



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

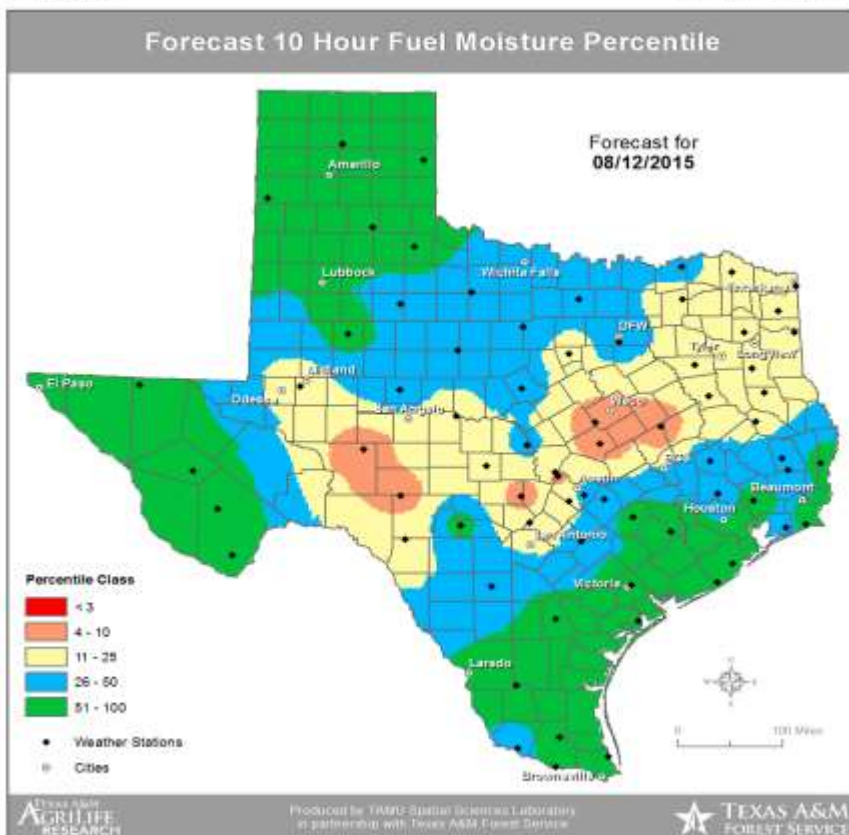
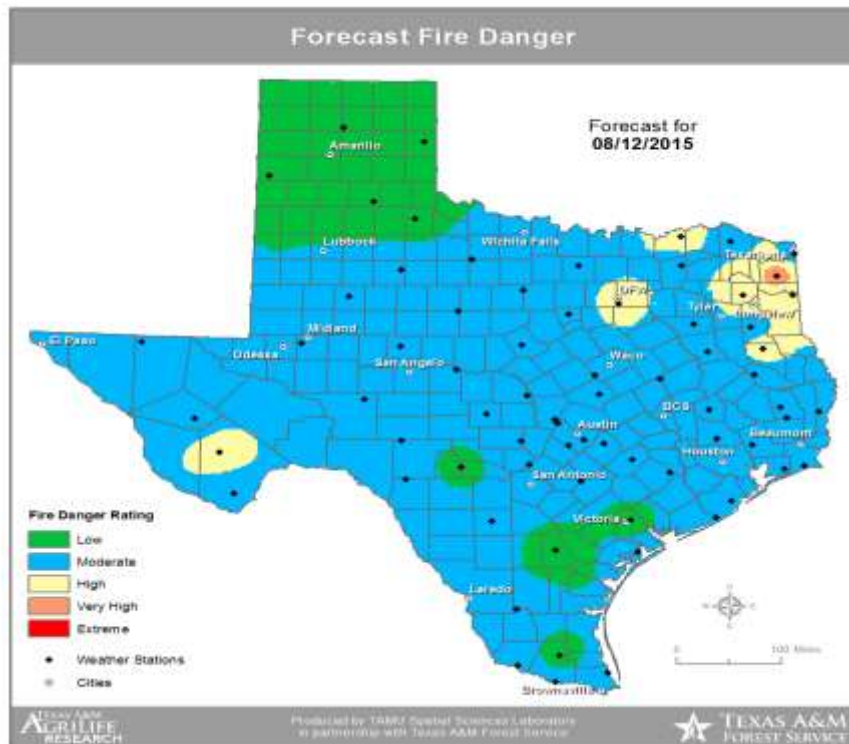
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<b>Event Name</b>	August 2015 Wild Fire Event SITREP
<b>Date</b>	08/12/2015
<b>Time</b>	1400
<b>Operational Period</b>	0800 081115 thru 1500 081215
<b>Report Number</b>	1

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	3,4
<b>DDCs Active</b>	None

### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

An upper-level ridge of high pressure continues to dominate the weather over Texas, and this ridge is expected to remain near our area for the next several days into next week. However, a slight west movement of the ridge is forecast from its present position over the Texas Panhandle to the Four Corners Region by Saturday. While this movement will not result in big changes in the weather over our region, some small changes will occur. As dry weather conditions continue across Texas, wildfires and grass fires have been increasing in some areas of the state. State resources are being deployed to Edwards County to support fire suppression activities. The Delmita Fire in Starr County threatened twelve homes which were saved and is contained. Numerous fire departments and other agencies continue to respond to the La Bandera Fire near the city of Carrizo Springs in Dimmit County. Many jurisdictions are under burn ban orders, restricting outdoor burning, that could possibly ignite materials that result in wild and/or grass fires.



## **Operational Priorities:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

### **Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

#### **DDC 19 Laredo:** (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties)

##### **Starr County:**

**Delmita Fire:** The fire was located just south of San Isidro in Starr County, burned approximately 100 acres and is 100 percent contained. Fire crews and public works personnel were able to establish firebreaks along the perimeter. Twelve homes were threatened and saved, but no commercial property was threatened. All assisting agencies were released from the scene. San Isidro Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) will continue to monitor the fire scene. United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) assets will be staged at the San Isidro VFD and remain available for immediate response. Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), McAllen Public Works, Palmview Fire Department (FD), Pharr Fire and Rescue, Starr County Sheriff's Office (SO), USFWS, Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) Regional Fire Coordinator (RFC), Linn-San Manuel FD, Edinburg FD, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) District Coordinator - McAllen and San Isidro VFD responded.

#### **DDC 24 Del Rio:** (Includes Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit and La Salle Counties)

##### **Dimmit County:**

**La Bandera Fire:** The fire is located in the area of Farm-to-Market (FM) 186 and FM 2466 near Carrizo Springs. The fire has burned approximately 400 acres and is 85 percent contained. Dimmit County, La Pryor, and Asherton VFDs are responding. Over fifty personnel from a private oil company are also on scene to assist with building fire breaks and county precinct crews are operating and providing heavy equipment.

##### **Edwards County:**

**Brown Ranch Fire:** The fire is located on County Road (CR) 550, 13 miles south of Farm-to-Market (FM) 674 and has burned approximately 9,000 acres. U.S. Highway 377 North and Farm-to-Market 2523 are closed due to the fire. Traffic is being re-routed from US 377 to Texas Highway 55. Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is assisting local fire departments. A helicopter for reconnaissance of the fire, and canteen service for hydration were requested. An Incident Command Post (ICP) has been established at the junction of Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 674 and US Highway 377. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC) Command Trailer has been set up, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is providing fuel to TFS and Edwards County vehicles. Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP) is assisting with traffic control. The American Red Cross (ARC) Kerrville is providing canteen services. Two State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs) requesting two TIFMAS Type 6 Strike Teams with leaders and, one TIFMAS helicopter (StarFlight) have been approved and resources are being deployed to support fire suppression activities at the Brown Ranch Fire. The County has issued a Local Disaster Declaration.

**HSD Fire:** The fire was the second wildfire reported in Edwards County and it has burned approximately 200 acres. The fire is located approximately 10 to 20 miles northwest of Rocksprings and is threatening two homes.

A third wildfire in Edwards County is located near US Highway 377 and County Road (CR) 440. The size of the fire is unknown at this time. The Disaster District Chair and TFS have been notified. Val Verde Fire and Rescue and Edwards County Sheriff's Office are responding.

**Region 4** (Includes DDCs 8, 9, 10)

**DDC 10 San Angelo** (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

**Sutton County:** The Fort McKavett Complex Fire burned approximately 8,500 acres and was 100 percent contained; no structures were threatened. Texas A&M Forest Service, Sutton County, Crockett County, Junction, Ft. McKavett VFDs; DPS Highway Patrol, and Texas Division of Emergency Management District Coordinator – San Angelo responded.

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**  
**REPORTS**

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS Highway Patrol is assisting Edwards County with traffic control.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** A TFS Regional Fire Coordinator responded to the Delmita Fire in Starr County, and is assisting local fire departments responding to the Brown Ranch Fire in Edwards County. TFS also responded to the Fort McKavett Complex Fire that began on August 2, 2015 and is fully contained.

**Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):** Providing two Type 6 Strike Teams with leaders, and one helicopter to support wildfire operations on the Brown Ranch Fire in Edwards County.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT is providing fuel for TFS and Edwards County vehicles, and monitoring roadways in fire-impacted areas.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** ARC is providing canteen services for responders of the Brown Ranch Fire in Edwards County.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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